

THE JAILOR AND THE GOLF BALL.

The Indian Planter's Gazette is responsible for the following story about the superintendent of a jail 'somewhere down country'. This estimable man is fond of the game called golf, played as we are informed with a 'bundle of sticks' and a 'wee bit gutty ball'—we merely quote from the literature upon the subject—and, in order to perfect himself in the pursuit he practices driving a ball over a large-sized tank in his jail. Whenever he misses getting over he has an alarm raised and makes all his convicts dive and find the ball. The other day, however, he happened to engage a new subordinate, who was as nervous as a cat about getting hanged on the head by a malicious convict, and who had read the jail regulations which empowered him in event of sudden alarm to send for a regiment of soldiers quartered not a long way off the prison. So, when he heard the alarm, he telephoned to the Colonel 'Come at once.' It was a hot sort of day, and when the regiment arrived with hand and all complete expecting to have to rescue the gallant jailor and his warders from an infuriated mob of 'lads' the Colonel got quite angry when he was told that it was only a golf ball that had got into the tank.

A MIGHTY FLEET.

A Sasebo telegram, dated 23rd November, says:—The third division of the Japanese Standing Squadron under Admiral Dore, consisting of the Chitose (flag ship), Yoshino, Tokitsugu, Kasagi, Akashi, Suma, and Miyagi, which have been cruising along Hakata, Karatsu and Iwami, reached Sasebo on the 20th ult. The first division of the Standing Squadron under the Commander-in-Chief Admiral Togo, consisting of the Mikasa (flagship), Hatanote (Admiral Nishibata's flagship), Asahi, Mutsu, Fuji and a portion of the fleet of destroyers, consisting of the Kasumi, Akitsuki, Shirakumo and Asashio reached Sasebo on the 21st ult. The second division under Admiral Kusunoki, consisting of the Idzumi (flagship), Ise, Asama, Tachibana, Yokuna and Aikawa and the destroyers Inubiki, Ushio and Mutsuki entered Sasebo on the 22nd ult. Thus with the portion of the Standing Squadron already in the Admiralty Port, consisting of the Yachima, Matsushima, Bairo, Oshio, Oshio and Katsuragi, with destroyers and torpedo boats, the whole Squadron now consists of more than fifty war vessels. This formidable gathering presents one of the grandest and most impressive assemblages of naval strength ever seen together in the Far East. After taking in coal and provisions, this mighty squadron will proceed to an unknown destination, perhaps in the Korean sea near Chinnan-jipo.

The Panama Canal.

A telegram from London on the 18th ult. reports that Mr Secretary Hay and the Panama Delegates had already prepared the draft of a Panama Canal convention. Mr Leslie M. Shaw, Secretary of the United States Treasury, speaking at a banquet in New York, said that he was jealous of every hour before a beginning was made in shovelling the earth of the Panama Canal, which equals voting a subsidy to the commerce of the world. Vessels from Great Britain via the Cape of Good Hope beat vessels from New York going round Cape Horn, and that was one of the most important reasons why Americans must have the canal.

Arming the Mongols.

According to a Northern dispatch, the Mongol Prince of Alatau (who passed through Shanghai last spring, with his two sons on a visit to Hongkong and Singapore and back to Peking again) has received instructions to mobilise every able-bodied Mongol of his tribe and league and organise and drill them in the modern fashion. For this purpose a number of Japanese officers have been engaged, while some two hundred sergeants, as well as about thirty graduates of the Chinese military academy, have received orders to start at once for Alatau. The Mongols of this League, consisting of a number of tribes, number over 30,000 fighting men.

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Alacrity	despatch-boat	1700	—	3000	Comdr. O. de B. Brock	Yokohama
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,900	10	13,600	Captain T. H. M. Jordan	Weihaiwei
Albatross	allop	1050	6	1400	Comdr. R. H. Nugent	Singapore
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Capt. Charles Winham	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	9000	12	13,000	Captain F. G. Stanford	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Com. F. M. Leake	Kobe
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Com. T. D. Pratt	Nagasaki
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Henry M. Parker	Hongkong
Albatross	water tank and tug	390	—	300	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Shanghai
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	5600	11	9000	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Weihaiwei
Albatross	allop	1070	10	1400	Comdr. R. H. Nugent	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	4700	Comdr. P. V. Lawes, D.S.O.	Singapore
Albatross	cruiser, 3rd class	1580	12	3200	Captain W. A. Carter	Weihaiwei
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Lieut.-Com. H. H. Well	Weihaiwei
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Comdr. J. D. Daltry	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. O. Auer	Weihaiwei
Albatross	storeship	1640	—	300	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Powell	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3800	Hon. N. G. Stopford	Yangtze-Kiang
Albatross	river gunboat	14,100	—	31,532	Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster	Hongkong
Albatross	cruiser, 1st class	180	6	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. W. M. Plenderkith	Macao
Albatross	river gunboat	980	10	1400	Captain R. F. Foote, O.M.C.	Weihaiwei
Albatross	allop	12,950	16	13,500	Lt.-Com. G. G. Codrington	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	350	6	6300	Comdr. W. H. Nicholson	Amoy
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	1015	6	1400	Captain Morris H. Smith	Hongkong
Albatross	Surveying-vessel	835	6	650	Com. D. St. A. Wale	Canton
Albatross	allop	880	10	1400	Lt.-Com. John P. Irwin	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	85	2	240	Comdr. T. Jackson	West River
Albatross	allop	980	6	1400	Lieut.-Com. Murray Lockhart	Weihaiwei
Albatross	river gunboat	85	2	240	Capt. O. H. H. Moore	Yangtze
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Lt.-Comdr. Davidson	Hongkong
Albatross	allop	85	2	240	Comdr. Lewis Bayly	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	4500	Comdr. Robinson	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	290	6	4500	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. Wagnere	Yangtze
Albatross	receiving ship	4630	6	—	Capt. J. A. G. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Albatross	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. Forbes	Hankow
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	3460	8	8000	Capt. Leslie Stuart, O.M.C.	Weihaiwei
Albatross	coast defence gunboat	383	3	200	Comdr. St. John Parquer	Yangtze
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Lieut.-Comdr. A. B. Barker	Weihaiwei
Albatross	allop	980	10	1400	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest G. Hardy	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	335	6	4300	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Hankow
Albatross	Surveying ship	630	—	450	Lieut.-Com. Wason	Yangtze
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	320	6	4500	—	—
Albatross	river gunboat	150	2	550	—	—
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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported.
Asperis	Austrian cruiser	962	—	—	Capt. Friedrich Griesenbort	Kiautschou
Acheron	French gunboat	1796	—	—	Captain Laferrere	Singapore
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Varny	Shanghai
Argus	French gunboat	475	8	450	Capt. Crespien	Canton
Aspie	French gunboat	—	—	—	Commander Journef	Saigon
Avalanche	French gunboat	550	—	—	Lieut. Heron	Hainan
Bengali	French gunboat	3710	29	9000	Capt. Laferrere	Shanghai
Bugeaud	French cruiser	5918	18	—	Captain V. Poulidon	Saigon
Chateaufort	French cruiser	525	—	—	Commander Louel	Hainan
Comete	French gunboat	680	—	—	Commander Guthrie	Saigon
Decade	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. Le Gollier	Saigon
Decade	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bécue	Saigon
Diademe	French gunboat	9700	12	10,000	Captain Bonifay	Taku
Diademe	French gunboat	4015	27	8500	Capt. Hurst	Yangtze
Diademe	French gunboat	9437	8	6071	Capt. Vincent	Nagasaki
Diademe	French gunboat	1795	10	—	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Diademe	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain Thomas	Saigon
Diademe	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Gaillard	Yangtze
Diademe	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Yangtze
Diademe	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Carol	Along Bay
Diademe	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villacave	Canton
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2990	Comdr. Huss	Saigon
Bussard	German cruiser	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Friedrich	Amoy
Bussard	German cruiser	1775	15	—	Comdr. Wulmann	Shanghai
Bussard	German cruiser	6000	24	10,000	Capt. van Semmeru	Yokohama
Bussard	German cruiser	6000	27	10,000	Capt. Ingensch	Nagasaki
Bussard	German cruiser	1000	10	1300	Comdr. G. G. Codrington	Hongkong
Bussard	German cruiser	900	10	1300	Comdr. Wilbrandt	Kobe
Bussard	German cruiser	550	10	—	Comdr. Kroschke	Amoy
Bussard	German cruiser	1520	—	—	Comdr. Fasper	Hongkong
Bussard	German cruiser	1540	15	2800	Comdr. Hoffmann	Nanking
Bussard	German cruiser	900	10	1300	Comdr. Schrader	Foochow
Bussard	German cruiser	—	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. von Weiss	Shanghai
Bussard	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Diet	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2442	10	4420	Capt. Castiglia Francesco	Singapore
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2427	24	13,000	Captain Armona	Shanghai
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4500	24	6820	Captain Zedi	Shanghai
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Diego de Sa	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barbosa Lou	Macao
Alcor	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Alcor	Russian cruiser	2600	6	4700	Comdr. Gramatich	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian cruiser	6000	27	—	Capt. Roitenshtein	Kobe
Alcor	Russian cruiser	3290	6	—	Comdr. Eljaskovitch	Shanghai
Alcor	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Eljaskovitch	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian gunboat	6740	12	—	Comdr. Eljaskovitch	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian gunboat	6731	6	—	Comdr. Eljaskovitch	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Comdr. Yonizoff	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2090	Comdr. Zagarsky	Shanghai
Alcor	Russian battleship	12,364	14	14,500	Captain Josen	Nagasaki
Alcor	Russian gunboat	1900	6	1000	Comdr. Shumoff	Shanghai
Alcor	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novakovsky	Nanking
Alcor	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Comdr. Muraev	Shanghai
Alcor	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasiloff	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian cruiser	6731	12	—	Captain Korolet	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian battleship	12,071	15	14,500	Captain Korolet	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian battleship	10,960	18	10,600	Captain Jakovloff	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian battleship	12,874	15	11,600	Capt. Zarkovitch	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Oseroff	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian cruiser	12,390	10	1785	Comdr. Liven	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian battleship	12,902	16	16,000	Captain Seprenichoff	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian protected cruiser	12,292	18	17,000	Capt. Matusevich	Vladivostok
Alcor	Russian protected cruiser	10,923	26	13,200	Capt. Sembrunichoff	Moscow
Alcor	Russian battleship	10,960	18	10,600	Captain Sembrunichoff	Nagasaki
Alcor	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian gunboat	6820	27	20,000	Comdr. Ginter	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian cruiser	800	9	3500	Capt. Bahr	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian gunboat	1230	15	1191	Comdr. Zagoransky-Kiselev	Port Arthur
Alcor	Russian cruiser	—	—	—	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3300	—	—	Capt. J. H. Rodgers	Nagasaki
Calbo	U. S. cruiser	925	—	—	Lieut. E. A. Anderson	Hongkong
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	3315	—	—	Capt. H. E. Mason	Chefoo
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1150	—	1600	Captain Denfield	Manila
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	610	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. J. Hood	Shanghai
Holmes	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1500	Comdr. Staunton	Shanghai
Kentucky	U. S. flag ship	11,030	6	3900	Captain E. M. Barry	Kobe
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3980	6	3000	Captain Mahan	Shanghai
Monadnock	U. S. gunboat	1970	6	850	Comdr. Denfield	Taku
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5244	Comdr. W. H. Boehler	Hongkong
Monterey	U. S. monitor	3137	20	—	Comdr. Blockinger	Nagasaki
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	10,584	45	—	Captain Burwell	Kobe
Oregon	U. S. cruiser	3213	—	—	Captain Nazro	Shanghai
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	1000	13	1118	Comdr. Marshall	Shanghai
Vicksburg	U. S. gunboat	1497	—	—	Lieut. L. O. Bertoletti	Shanghai
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9.30 a.m.—Military Practice.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of a Quantity of Household Furniture, at Mr Geo. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

9 p.m.—A. D. C. Performance at the City Hall.

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MONDAY, December 14:—

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9 a.m.—Military Practice.

THURSDAY, December 17:—

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The publication of this issue commenced at 115 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1903.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Hongkong Chess Club.

Mr R. H. Nowlton has been elected Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Chess Club. The Club meets in the City Hall on Monday next to prepare the season's programme.

Law Wages.

Clerks in the employ of the Insular Government at Manila complain that they are insufficiently paid. Owing to their wages they are unable to bring their wives to Manila.

Ladies' Recreation Club.

The first round of the Ladies' Singles Championship was played off yesterday and resulted as follows:—

Mrs Fraser beat Mrs Birdwood (6-4; 6-9).

Mrs James beat Mrs Baker-Brown (6-0; 6-9).

An Engagement.

The engagement is announced of Mr Anthony George Bethell, Chinese Imperial Customs, youngest son of Mr Henry Kingsley Bethell, and Miss Frances Langdon, daughter of the late Mr Henry Langdon. The marriage will take place at Mezzaratta, near Florence, in January.

The Race Meeting.

The Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held at the Happy Valley on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 23rd, 24th and 25th February next. There will be ten races on each day, the principal on the first day being the Derby and the Maiden Stakes. The German, Challenge and Blake Cups will be run on the second day, and the third day's programme includes the Ladies' Purse, Hongkong Stakes, and Champion Stakes. Saturday, 27th February, will be the 'Off Day.'

Tow-Boat Burned Out.

The N.C. Daily News of the 1st inst. reports:—Yesterday morning, at a quarter past five o'clock, Sergeant Hayward, of the Water Police, received the report that there was a fire on the Pootung side of the river in the upper limits. Steam being up on the steam launch of the Police Hulk, Sergeant Hayward at once proceeded to the scene of the fire, and discovered the tow-boat *Waiyang*, belonging to Messrs Butterfield and Swire, in flames. Nothing could be done to save the vessel, which very soon sank in deep water. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. The *Waiyang* was used for local river traffic.

The Late Commander Fair.

The following obituary notice appears in the Times:—Commander George Murray Kendall Fair, R.N., a member of the staff of the Naval Intelligence Department, died in London on Tuesday, of typhoid fever, at the age of 33. Commander Fair entered the Navy as a cadet on January 15, 1863, and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant on April 1, 1882. When the Peking Legation was besieged by the Boxers, he was serving in the *Centurion*, was employed on the staff of the Intelligence Department and in getting along the junk with the wounded, during Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour's expedition in June, 1890, and he was promoted to the rank of commander for his services.

Sale of Work.

We would call the attention of our readers to the Sale of Work, which is to be held in the City Hall to-morrow, commencing at 2 p.m., in aid of the Asile de la Sainte Enfance. The sale is under the patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor and Mrs May, and a large number of ladies will give their assistance at the sale during the day. The goods on sale will include fancy work and needlework, the products of the children, and there will also be on sale a large collection of toys, sweets, fruit, etc. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of buyers, and we would particularly bespeak for the sale of work the generous support of the wealthy Chinese of the Colony. At all times there is within the walls of the Institution upwards of 500 destitute women and children; in the nursing home there are twenty beds, and during the past year over 1000 sick children have been received, most of whom succumbed within a few days of their admission. As is well known, the poorer Chinese of the Colony are in the habit of bringing their dying children to the home, and although at first sight the practice may seem to be one that should be discouraged, it is in reality a humane work which the Mother Superior and her assistants are carrying on, and one well worthy of the generous support of a rich community like Hongkong. The whole of the inmates of the Asile de la Sainte Enfance are Chinese, and it is only fit and proper that, while all sections of the community should give their support, the wealthier Chinese should open their purses to the benefit of their own kind and give the institution of their riches.

Best Treatment.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Mr E. A. Griffiths is the New British Consul at Kobe.

The death is announced of the novelist Henry Seton Merriman (Mr Hugh Stowell Scott), author of 'The Slave of the Lamp' and other novels.

Count Hino, who was promoted by the Emperor of Japan before his death from the Junior to the Senior 3rd Rank, died at Tokio on the 23rd Nov.

The Shell liner *Flora*, which went ashore near Yokosuka, when outward-bound, on Nov. 20, was floated and returned to Yokohama on Nov. 23.

U-Han-yen, one of the murderers of the Queen of Corea in 1895, has at last been tracked down and assassinated by two of his countrymen at the Japanese naval station, Kure.

Admiral Miraflores, who is now in China, will become Minister of Marine in the new Italian Cabinet. Signor Giolitti will take charge of the department of interior until his return.

The premises of Messrs Kingwell & Co., Main St., Yokohama, were burnt down on Nov. 22. The loss was covered to the extent of yen 3,000 in the Yokohama, and yen 15,000 in the Norwich Union Fire Office.

Mail papers to hand contain Guxia notifications of the following promotions in the Royal Garrison Artillery:—Lieutenants R. F. Peiniger and G. Buchanan Thornhill (of the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion) to be Captains.

The *Japan Times* says:—The nation is ready, the nation yearns for action, and we sincerely hope that the Imperial Government will not betray the grave responsibility with which a unique conjunction of circumstances has invested it.

For having a quantity of Lrass in his possession valued at \$20, for which he could not give a satisfactory account of, a native appeared before Mr T. Sercombe Smith at the Magistracy to-day. A fine of \$100 in default three months' imprisonment, with three hours in the stocks in lieu of \$5 or one week's gaol, was the sentence.

Suicide of a British Officer.

A Calcutta telegram, dated 19th ult., reports:—A ghastly discovery was made on the arrival of the Bombay mail train at Begumpet station. Captain Dalgleish, of the 20th Deccan Horse, who had been in Bombay on short leave, was found in the lavatory of a first-class carriage with his throat cut and life extinct. Three other passengers were in the carriage—two Europeans, and a native superintendent of the Nizam's police. When these forced open the lavatory door the officer was lying face downwards with a razor beside him. At the inquest on Captain Dalgleish, Major Jones and Lieut. Ross Campbell, of the 20th Deccan Horse, gave evidence, stating that the deceased went to Bombay to be best-man at Captain Hobson's wedding. The deceased was not in difficulties. He has been in hospital at Bombay owing to an injured arm. He was of an excitable disposition and subject to fits of depression. A verdict of suicide while temporarily insane was returned.

Important Recommendations to the Throne.

It is reported from Peking that Prince Tsai Chen, 4th Order, President of the Ministry of Commerce (Shangpu) recently recommended to the Throne the following seven suggestions:—(1) That members of the Imperial Clan be appointed to posts in the various Tartar garrisons in the Empire, so as to properly fit them for active service as commanders and leaders of armies in time of war. (2) That high officials of the 3rd and higher grades be sent to travel in Europe and the United States to study the political and economic conditions of the various countries they may visit and so widen their scope of knowledge and experience. (3) That a law should be made compelling the people of the Empire to serve as soldiers for a certain period of their lives. (4) That rifle and ammunition factories and gun foundries on a large scale be ordered to be constructed without delay in Szechuan, Shanai, and Shensi provinces. (5) That all public temples be taken possession of by the authorities and everyone of them be turned into schools of various grades for the education of the children and youths of the places in which said temples happen to be located. (6) That a law be promulgated making attendance at school compulsory for all children beginning from the age of ten years. (7) That the police system of the Empire be reorganised and that special technical schools and colleges for the study of law, etc., be established, to the graduates of which may be given the task to reform the country in order to meet existing conditions.

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Russian Forces in the East.

The *Universal Gazette* is informed by a Peking correspondent that the Russian troops in Yinkou, Port Arthur, and along the Chinese Eastern Railway number not less than 100,000 men, one fourth of whom are Cossacks. There are at present over ten Russian men of war in Port Arthur. Their stores of provisions will last a month.

A Serious Charge.

A Calcutta telegram, dated 27th ult., says:—A young European woman, named Mrs. Coombes, who is separated from her husband who is now at Calcutta, has been arrested at Bangalore on a charge of abandoning her newborn infant, what died from exposure. The mother deposited the child in the grounds of the Convent of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Brilliant Carnival at Manila.

The water carnival held at Malacan Palace, Manila, on December 4 was a brilliant success. Governor Taft assumed the character of the Doge of Venice. Old Spanish and English residents of Manila who remember the brilliant fetes of the Spanish Governor Generals who once occupied Malacan Palace state that they had never witnessed so magnificent a demonstration.

More Revolutionary Societies.

The *Sin Tin Poo* gathers that in a certain province adjoining Kwangtung, there are some desperadoes numbering over a thousand, who have formed themselves into a brotherhood with the object of raising a rebellion, and the authorities of the said Province have sent capable officials to the disturbed district to investigate the trouble. The leader of the brotherhood is by name Chu, and Chao is the name of the second man.

St. Andrew at Shanghai.

There were upwards of 1100 guests at the Caledonian Ball at Shanghai. The ball was voted an unqualified success. There were forty-five stewards, who assisted the following committee:—S. M. McLeish, President; W. C. Murray, Vice-President; Messrs. Brodie A. Clarke, C. Murray Adamson, R. Sutherland, S. Groundwater, W. S. Burns, E. F. Mackay, W. F. Ingie, J. McKie, R. D. Wait, John Prentice; C. M. Bain, Hon. Treasurer; G. S. Lindsay, Hon. Secretary.

British Policy Re Manchuria.

The *Universal Gazette* gathers that the British Minister at Peking has definitely decided not to interfere with the Manchurian Question. If the present negotiations should result in peace, then, whatever concessions Russia should obtain from China, Great Britain will demand the same. Should it end in war, then Great Britain would wait until the war finished and whatever power and influence the Russians would then hold, Great Britain would insist on having the same.

Amoy's Municipality.

At a meeting of the Kulungu Municipal Council on the 24th ult., a letter was read from Messrs Leigh and Orange, of Hongkong, recommending Mr Gower's employment to instruct in the making of roads and drains, and the Secretary is directed to write to the latter, accepting his services for (say) a fortnight on the following terms, viz.:—a first-class passage from Hongkong by one of Douglas S. S. Co.'s steamers, free board and lodging (excepting wines) and a salary of \$50 a week.

CUT-THROAT COMPETITION.

Pacific Steamship Companies.

According to the information supplied the *Manila Cablenews*, a war of rates is taking place between trans-Pacific steamship Companies which bids fair to rival the notorious cut-throat competition which recently existed between the Norddeutscher Lloyd and Rickmers Companies. The *Cablenews* publishes the following:—San Francisco, December 4.—The trans-Pacific steamship companies are waging a bitter struggle rate war over Chinese traffic. The Pacific Mail, Toyo-Kisen Kaisha and Occidental and Oriental steamship companies have just announced a rate of \$2 gold, to Chinese steamer passengers, between this country and the Oriental ports. [The fight is between the Pacific Mail, Toyo-Kisen Kaisha and Occidental and Oriental steamship companies on one side, and the China Commercial Company on the other. The *Cablenews* has previously given the details of the row and what caused it. The China Commercial steamship company was organized in Hongkong some months ago by Van Buren, who had represented the Pacific Mail and allied lines there for many years.

Van Buren and Schwerin the manager of the Pacific Mail, did not agree on certain lines, and Van Buren was discharged. He secured large backing from Chinese in Hongkong and chartered several steamers. They seek freight and Asiatic passengers between Hongkong, Shanghai, Japanese ports and Honolulu, Mexico and San Francisco. The rivalry between these lines has reduced the price of Asiatic transportation to almost nothing. The latest cut is given in the dispatch received last night.]

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

SUPPLIED BY REUTER, VIA ROMANY.

THE WRECKED 'FLORA.'

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AT FLOATING.

LONDON, December 7.

An attempt was made yesterday to float H.M.S. *Flora*, which is ashore on Denman Island, British Columbia, but all efforts were unsuccessful.

PEACE IN HUNGARY.

CAMPAIGN OF OBSTRUCTION ENDED.

LONDON, December 7.

The prolonged crisis in the Hungarian Diet, which led to a campaign of obstruction against the Military Bill, has ended in the restoration of peace being confirmed by M. Kossuth in a speech at the Diet on Saturday.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE CONGO FREE STATE.

LONDON, December 6.

The British Consul of Congo Free State has completed his tour on behalf of Great Britain; the tour should have lasted six months but has terminated at the expiration of two, as further evidence is unnecessary. The most horrible outrages are still perpetrated under the Rubber regime, also slavery in the most barbarous and revolting form. English observers stigmatise the administration as atrocious and declare that intervention is imperative.

THE COTTON MARKET.

The excitement on the New York Cotton Market has temporarily subsided.

THE FAR EAST.

There is a temporary lull in Far Eastern affairs and attention is concentrated on the assembling of the Japanese Diet yesterday. Hitherto proceedings have been purely formal. The ceremonial opening will take place on the 8th instant.

[N.C. DAILY NEWS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

TOKYO, December 1.

All the leading Japanese journals agree in denouncing Russia for her delay in replying to Japan's proposals. They declare that the nation can no longer endure to be thus slighted, and must demand a definite answer, failing which it must take independent steps to secure the interests of the State. Even the men in business circles advocate a similarly resolute policy which is also avowed by all political parties. The situation therefore looks more menacing than at any previous period, solely in consequence of Russia's haughty silence. The combination of the two principal political parties is not as yet completed, but they are evidently both willing to support a resolute policy, whereas they will unite to attack inaction.

December 3.

The Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg demanded a reply from Russia about ten days ago, and has now done so again. Count Lamsdorf recently expressed his intention of proceeding to Alexanderovo to secure the Emperor's approval in reference to the reply drafted by Viscount Alexeeff and Baron Rosen, but was prevented by the Emperor's indisposition. Japan's patience is becoming exhausted.

[MANILA CABLENEWS SERVICE.]

BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, December 4.

Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the successor of the late Sir Michael Herbert, as British Ambassador to the United States, has presented his credentials to President Roosevelt. Sir Henry expressed to the President the friendship of Great Britain for the United States, and the earnest hope of all Britishers that these relations should be sustained and strengthened. President Roosevelt, replying to the statements of Sir Henry, said that the friendship of the two nations was founded on blood ties which must endure forever. He also expressed the belief and hope that time would cement the cordial feelings of the nations for each other. Sir Henry has made a most favorable impression on all whom he has met in Washington. He has a charming family and they will be a decided factor in the social life of the Capital this season.

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT MARQUIS ITO.

TOKYO, December 2.

A Japanese student made an attempt here to-day to assassinate Marquis Ito, the Mikado's Prime Minister. As the Minister was leaving his palace for a drive the student fired several shots at him with a revolver. The Prime Minister escaped injury. The student is in jail. He is believed to be insane.

QUEEN'S JEWELS FOR SALE.

LONDON, December 3.

The sisters of the murdered Queen of Serbia, who was assassinated some months ago with her husband, King Alexander, are offering her jewels for sale. It will be remembered that the dead Queen was a widow at the time she married King Alexander and of rank far below him. Her name was Olga Maschen, and she was many years older than the youthful monarch whose tragic fate she brought on and shared.

LEGISLATION AGAINST JAPAN.

WASHINGTON, December 2.

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives to apply the laws of Chinese exclusion from the United States to the restriction of Japanese immigration. Should this bill become a law it would include all insular possessions of America.

TELEGRAMS.

CANAL TREATY RATIFIED.

WASHINGTON, December 3.

The Hay-Bunauvarilla Panama Canal Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Panama has been ratified by the latter Government and has received the signature of the President. Colombia has finally withdrawn all efforts to control the Isthmian waterway and regain the old Department of Panama. The fact is Colombia has lost enormously through its miserable policy over the canal negotiations.

GENERAL WOOD'S POSITION.

WASHINGTON, December 3.

The President has announced that he will under no condition withdraw his nomination of Gen. Leonard Wood to the rank of major-general in the regular army. The Senate investigation into Wood's conduct of Cuban affairs while he was military Governor of that island continues with unabated interest, and some sensational features are developing. President Roosevelt is being pressed by close political friends to reconsider his attitude for the benefit of the Republican party, but the President insists that Wood will be exonerated, and that he will stand by him. General Brooks testified before the Commission that while he was Military Governor of Cuba, General Wood was a questionable character in his command. He found the present Governor of the Moro Province to be insubordinate as an officer of the Army and personally very disagreeable in his inferior position.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1903.

THE CHINA MAIL.

CHINA TRADERS' ASSOCIATION.

Annual General Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the China Traders' Association was held today in the office, Princes Building. Mr. E. Goetz was in the chair, and there were also present Messrs. H. Schmitt, F. Goetz, C. Michel, G. T. Veltch, H. S. Wilcox, J. W. Ross Taylor, J. R. Lee, F. D. Goddard, W. J. Saunders, H. W. Sando, T. H. Reid, G. de Gouvenar, W. E. Schmitt, Sir Paul Chater, and Mr. J. W. Ross Taylor.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some time and with your approval we will follow our usual custom and take them as read. As compared with the previous year, the Princes Income shows an increase of some \$61,000, whilst the Loss Settlement, although still heavy, shows a decrease of \$17,000. You will notice, however, that we have had this year to meet a material loss in Exchange. This loss has been caused in view of the instability of Exchange and the impossibility of forecasting its movements, so far as possible keep our funds equally divided between Gold and Silver, and this deficit is largely the difference between the cost of considerable conversions into Gold during the year, and the rate at which the Sterling Exchange is taken in our books. The maintenance of this latter rate at 2½ has been a heavy burden on the Association, and has caused a loss of some \$100,000. On the whole, the outcome of the year's operations may, I think, be considered fairly satisfactory, but your Directors feel that the point has not yet been reached when they can with safety recommend the declaration of an increased dividend to Shareholders. Our first consideration must be to place our liquid Reserves on a basis which will provide the possibility of meeting the needs of a bad year, and but years are bound to come, of our having to again entrench on our Reserve Fund. The wisdom of this policy of restraint and patience will, I am sure, appeal to all who have the interests of the Association at heart. The dividend for the year is fixed at 10 per cent, and a Contributory Dividend of 15 per cent, on bonus-bearing contributions, we propose to carry the remaining available balance to underwrite our insurance against loss of our funds on account of the past and previous years, and this close the account. One new item appearing under the heading of London Investments may be specially referred to. The Lease of the premises occupied by the Association in London, which was due to expire on 31st March, has been renewed, and the necessity of securing other suitable accommodation has had to be considered, and I am glad to be able to inform you that we have secured the premises in the City of London, which is a most suitable building in an equally good, if not better, position on Cornhill. The cost of the purchase of this leasehold was \$25,000, but whilst the building acquired affords far superior accommodation for our growing needs in London, it is hoped that, after payment of ground rent and taxes, and making full allowance for sinking fund and interest on the outlay, the rentals to be obtained from the portion of the building not required for our own use, will reduce the net annual cost to very little more than the rental we have for some time been paying. Your Directors feel that we are greatly indebted to the exertions and forethought of the London Committee and the London Manager in bringing to our attention a matter so successful an issue. The item under notice is the first instance only of the purchase money; the balance will appear in the current year's accounts. The properties under notice to the company, as usual, been reported on by Messrs. Palmer & Turner, and their valuations show ample margins. There remains one subject for me to refer to, and that is the deeply-regretted and untimely death of our late esteemed member, Mr. W. H. Ray, the circumstances of which, as I think, well known to all of you. Mr. Ray had been in charge of the company's affairs since 1870—a period of 33 years. In 1870, when the company was practically reconstituted, Mr. Ray was appointed its first secretary, and the position he held during the succeeding 28 years until recently, forced to relinquish office through a complete and deplorable breakdown in health. But, gentlemen, in the sound and satisfactory position our company stands today, Mr. Ray has left a fitting memorial to the best years of a strenuous life, spent wholly and devotedly in the service, and although untimely, we can not restore his shattered health, yet I am sure cordially support your Directors in their desire to in some measure recognize his long and faithful services, by ensuring to him a freedom from anxiety in the years of retirement that may be left to him. I shall be glad to answer any questions you may desire to ask before I formally move the adoption of the report and balance sheet.

Mr. J. W. Ross Taylor said:—Mr. Chairman, I think the statement to which we have just listened is one of more than ordinary interest. It is satisfactory to learn that the Directors have resolved to persevere in the sound policy of building up the financial position of the Association, rather than increasing the dividend. It is also, in my opinion, much wiser to carry forward the balance in a liquid form, than to make a too heavy addition to the reserve fund, which might hereafter be required to meet the needs of a bad year. I am glad to hear that the lease of the building in Cornhill has been acquired for the accommodation of the London Office, but I am glad to have the assurance of the Chairman that this move will prove a sound investment, and not entail much increase in rental. I am sure the shareholders will join the regret expressed by the Chairman at the unfortunate retirement of our late secretary, Mr. Ray, who for so many years served this Company so well and faithfully, first as assistant and then as secretary. The retiring allowance granted him by the Board is, I think, under the circumstances, one that will be heartily endorsed by the shareholders. In his successor, Mr. Whitall, we have, I am certain, a man in whom we can repose entire confidence, both as to his ability and trust. With these remarks I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution that the report and accounts be adopted. (Applause.)

The motion was put and carried unanimously. Mr. J. W. Ross Taylor said:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I am sorry to find myself in opposition to the Directors, and my regret is all the deeper that it is a question of difference of opinion arising out of the retiring allowance of our late secretary, Mr. W. H. Ray, with whom I know, we all deeply sympathize on the sad breakdown in his health. Seven years ago, in 1896, we gave him a £25 dividend, and the reserve was raised to \$100,000. In the next year, through no fault of anybody, the work fell below zero, and the amount was taken from the reserve. Ever since, whilst some of our competitors have, through good management, forged ahead, we have continued to receive \$96 per annum, equal to about \$4 per share. It has been my lot on several occasions to vote for more generous treatment of the staff, and no one can

appreciate more than I do the impulse that prompts this generosity. But I think in this case the generosity goes a little further than the position of the Company warrants. It is not the fault of anyone, no doubt, but the Company has been making profits for the past two years, and I don't think it can be maintained that we are in a position to give over ten per cent per annum of the dividend credited to shareholders to one retiring officer.

It is quite true that in future other officers may retire and we may be called upon to pay them money. I ask no shareholder to second my proposal, but, though it goes against my grain to oppose an act of generosity, whose only fault is that it goes too far, I feel compelled as a matter of principle, and as a not inconsiderable shareholder, to move that Mr. Ray get a retiring allowance of £900 for three years from the date of his leaving the colony, and £500 per year afterwards. I have not asked anybody to second this proposal. There being no second to this amendment, the Chairman put the original motion to the meeting, which was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Goddard, seconded by Mr. J. W. Ross Taylor, proposed and H. W. Sando seconded that Messrs. Goetz and Michel be re-elected Directors. This was also carried.

Messrs. H. C. Jeffries and T. Arnold were re-elected Auditors, of the motion of Mr. Veltch, seconded by Mr. C. Michel, The Chairman said:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow. Thank you for your attendance.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

NAVAL RANGE-STAFF. The Naval Range Staff defeated the Rifle Association in a match of ten sides, with the best eight scores to count. The conditions were seven shots each at 200, 300, and 400 yards ranges. Mr. Parkes, one of the Association's crueks was absent, and his place was filled by the Hon. Secretary. There was another absentee as well from the Association's rank, while the Range team was complete. The following were the scores:—

Sergeant Davies	32	31	34	96
Mr. Deener, P.G.O.	31	32	32	95
J. Rippon, G.O.I.	32	34	29	95
Col. Sergeant Cross	32	34	29	95
Sergeant Griffiths	31	32	32	95
S. Chase, G.O.I.	34	28	29	91
C. Allen, P.O.I.	31	29	27	87

Counted out, 83 & 88.

ASSOCIATION.	32	32	32	96
Corp. Angus, R.E.	33	34	29	96
R. Lupton	33	34	29	96
Sapper Robertson, R.E.	30	31	32	93
A. Watson	29	29	32	91
Sergeant Thornhill, R.E.	31	29	30	90
Sapper MacEwen, R.E.	32	31	29	92
W. J. Filgson	27	27	27	81

Counted out, 69.

FOOTBALL.

MONKONG F. C. vs. THE NAVY. The Navy turned the tables on the Hongkong F. C. on Saturday afternoon by defeating them by fifteen points to four. The last meeting of these two teams resulted in a win for Hongkong by nineteen points to six, but on this occasion the personnel of each team was greatly changed, two of the Hongkong three-quarters, Becks and Pearce, being absent on Saturday.

After the kick off by the Club the Navy were put on the defensive, but, through the agency of Stoye and Hurdon, they quickly reversed the positions. The passing of the Club was very pretty, but the defence of the Navy was not so high a quality to allow the fine passing rushes to result in a score. The Navy, after a spell of defensive work, had a turn of attacking, and, after a brilliant piece of passing, "Bizz cross" and scored; the attempt at goal failing. The Club freshened up, but the combination shown by the Navy was too good, and shortly afterwards Parker added another try, which was also converted. The Navy immediately returned to the attack, and almost scored twice in succession, but were stalled off on each occasion. A little later Biag was given an opening, which he availed himself of, running round and scoring behind the posts. An easy goal was missed. At half time the score was nine points to nil, in favour of the Navy.

The opening of the second half was marked by a smart attack by the Navy which, however, was repulsed. Then the Club brightened up, but a good passing bout was again spoiled by the Club's defence. From a corner, scored shortly after, Barnes neatly kicked a goal. This goal incited the Navy to further efforts, and after some hard work near the line Stoye scored; no goal was kicked. The Navy kept up the attack, and the Club was called upon to defend again. Just before the final whistle went, De Vouille added another try, but still no goal was kicked. The Navy consequently won by fifteen points to four. A feature of the game was the kicking at goal. In all five tries were scored by the Navy, but no goals were registered.

The teams were as follows:—The Navy.—Full-back, Hurdon; Three-quarters, Stoye, King, Parker and Biag; Halves, Davis and De Vouille; Forwards, Barnby, Rice, Formy, Kellott, Rowley, Smith, Reeve and Cornaby. Hongkong.—Full-back, W. A. Crake; Three-quarters, W. R. Robertson, O. J. Barrie, Lieut. P. H. Campbell and R. A. Scandlers; Halves, A. Gordon and A. G. N. Fletcher; Forwards, E. R. Halliday, E. O. C. Wolfe, H. F. Chard, B. O. Samford, A. Boyd, P. S. James, Lieut. Burton and Lieut. C. Rogers.

Taking the game on the whole, the Club played very poorly, the absence of Harvey and Pearce being felt. The Club forwards were not at all energetic, and seemed to be in want of some one to lead them. The Club's forward game that has sometimes been seen on the ground was conspicuous by its absence, and the three-quarter line was also weak. Barnes played a good game, but the halves were denied many chances, and the Club's losing game on the Club for the ball almost every time. Wolfe and Chard played about the best of the forwards, but Crake was weak at full back.

The Navy played a good combined game, some of our competitors have, through good management, forged ahead, we have continued to receive \$96 per annum, equal to about \$4 per share. It has been my lot on several occasions to vote for more generous treatment of the staff, and no one can

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDING ORDINANCE.

The Attorney General, in moving the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Building Ordinance, 1902, at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday, said:—We are all aware of the Ordinance known as No. 1 of 1903, the Public Health and Building Ordinance, was passed last year, and came into operation at the end of this year. That Bill dealt with the vital question of the public health of this colony, and it ran into very great—but not unnecessary—length, considering the varied nature and importance of the matters which the Bill dealt with. It is somewhat early, perhaps some may think, to come before the Council with an amending Bill, but I think hon. members will readily acknowledge that it was almost impossible to expect that the Bill could be framed which would meet with every requirement and necessity without requiring some amendment almost immediately following its inception. The Ordinance, which I beg leave to say is a most valuable addition to the statute book of this colony, in some particular in order to make it of more practical value even than it is at present. The amendments which are now proposed by the Government are principally those which have been suggested and recommended by the Sanitary Board, who have hitherto had the practical working of the Ordinance under their immediate ken. These suggestions and recommendations appear to me to be of a nature which I believe will commend themselves to the favourable consideration of this Council. Other amendments which we propose in the Bill are suggested not by the Sanitary Board but by hon. members who have authority in the Bill under their charge and are responsible for it. Among these amendments it is proposed to create a Sanitary Department. A Sanitary Department does exist, but it is now proposed to recognize it as a department and give the Principal Civil Medical Officer of the Colony the direct administration of that department, and hold him directly responsible. At the present time it is not possible to hold that officer directly responsible, because he has no authority where he should have it. An amendment is also proposed with respect to the arbitration clause by which power is given to the arbitrators to take into consideration when dealing with claims whether the premises were enhanced in value by reason of the work done in preparing this Bill for presentation to the Council to get additional of the expression "external air" which would be capable of being given practical effect. In addition to the existing of the Ordinance is made on the recommendation of the Sanitary Board. They report that at present the definition renders it almost impossible to give effect to the real intention of the Ordinance with respect to the ventilation of light and air that should be admitted into rooms. A new definition therefore will be submitted for the consideration of the Council which I believe will be found to at least achieve the difficulty of exactly saying what was meant by the Ordinance. In addition other sections of the Ordinance have been amended upon the recommendation of the Sanitary Board. For instance, section 48 is considered by the Board to be unworkable, and ought to be amended. It has been done so I believe it will be in accordance with the Board's recommendation. The object that the Board has in view in making that recommendation is to expedite the legal action that was necessary to be taken with respect to the enforcement of the nuisance of overcrowding. The present system appears to be cumbersome and to cause undue delay. Considerable difficulty has been found in practice in working the Ordinance with respect to the enforcement of the nuisance of overcrowding. It is stated that at present is attached to the meaning of the words "room" and "cubicle." Hitherto these words have had pretty well the same meaning, but by the amendment proposed to the Bill each will have its own meaning. Several have been very important alterations too was to be submitted for consideration with respect to Section 261 of the present Ordinance. This section is one of the arbitration sections, and refers to the procedure to be adopted where claims for compensation are to be put in. The amending Bill will provide that whenever claims for compensation shall be made the claim shall be submitted to the Colonial Secretary on the same day as the claim is made, and the building authority; also it provides that where a claim for compensation is in respect of a matter with regard to which powers of exemption or modification are vested in the Board or the Governor in Council the claim must be submitted to the decision of the Board or the Governor in Council before proceeding with the works. These amendments have been found necessary by the authorities who have submitted the Ordinance to the Council, and the claim for compensation have been sent in several months after the plans have been deposited, there being no indication at the time they were sent in that a claim was intended to be made, and subsequently when it is intended to exercise the powers of modification made it was found it was too late because the building was already in course of erection. The Council will see at once that these are practical difficulties that ought to be overcome, and this Bill which is capable of doing so.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to. The Council went into Committee on the Bill, which was subjected to a few amendments and was afterwards left in Committee stage.

UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS.

The Attorney General moved that the house go into committee on the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the recovery of charges incurred by the Colony on account of certain undesirable persons introduced into the Colony.

Sir Paul Chater asked that consideration of the Bill be postponed as the member for the Chamber of Commerce had been asked to make a few comments upon it when he returned from the North. This was agreed to.

MR. POLLOCK'S QUESTIONS.

The following are the answers to the questions asked on behalf of Mr. H. E. Pollock, and which were referred to the Attorney General of the Government, to publish yesterday.

The Acting Colonial Secretary answered Question 1, as follows:—\$818,498.32, \$107,814.58.

The present amount to \$171,393.50; the Crown rents to \$772 per annum. The area sold amounts to 49,711 square feet or 1.14 acres; the area of building land absorbed by the park, which is a Public Park and not a Park for the Navy, is 46,500 square feet or 1.07 acres. On the 12th of September the Governor's despatch and the Secretary of State's reply on the subject of laying out a Public Garden in Tsimshingnan were laid on the table, together with the Estimates for 1904, at page 25 of which a sum of \$7,000 was set down for levelling and laying out Tsimshingnan Garden. I have again to point out that the Park or Garden is Public and not set aside exclusively for any section of the community.

The Director of Public Works gave the following answers:—

Question 2, paragraph 1. The 1st of May, 1899. Date for completion 15th of November, 1902. Name of Contractor, Tsang Kow.

2. It is not yet completed. 3. The whole of the work was included under the contract referred to in first paragraph of reply.

4. Tsang Kow, as already stated. 5. (a) Work was completed in December 1902.

(b) It is not possible to say definitely, but there is no reason why it should not be completed by the end of this year. 6. The question of penalty to be enforced will be considered on completion of the work. The contractor has been repeatedly warned that the penalty will be enforced.

Question 3, paragraph 1. Yes. The accident arose from the heavy rains in the early part of September. 2. The wall will be reconstructed of greater strength. Work is in progress.

3. The wall which fell was constructed by Yan K. Kwong, contractor. It was completed in September 1902, and was therefore out of the contractor's hands prior to the date of its failure.

Question 4, paragraph 1. Yes. 2. It has been due to some measure to repeated lands in the mains, the margin in power of the pumping plant being inadequate to make up for the loss of water occasioned by such bursts. Additional pumping plant has recently been provided which will enable constant supply to be maintained.

3. No defects other than those indicated above, which are liable to occur in any main. Yes, a water rate is collected. 4. The Acting Colonial Secretary answered question 5, as follows:—The uniform of the Sanitary Staff for which, there existed no authorized pattern has been revised, and sealed patterns sanctioned. The uniform for the different grades of Inspectors is alike, and the same will be made to make the uniform as simple as possible.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

LEPROS AT CANTON.

To the Editor of the "China Mail." American Presbyterian Mission, Canton, Dec. 7, 1903.

DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me to make known through the columns of your paper the wants of the lepers of Canton? It is known to many people that at the East Gate of the city there is a leper village containing upwards of 1,000 lepers. These lepers receive from the local government free houses. Many of these houses are new and fairly comfortable. In addition to the first houses of about 600 of the lepers receive three cents each a day in money. The majority of the 1,000 must beg for their living, as the three cents do not suffice for cooking, vegetables, etc. The leper village is not less than 6.00 miles from the city. They are, in fact, half starved. When the weather is warm and dry, they can make their way to the city and beg from shop to shop and earn enough to get two small meals a day. But during the cold weather, they are obliged to go without food or beg from their more fortunate brethren. Their scanty supply of clothing makes them feel the need of food very keenly. Several have died during the cold weather this fall from cold and want of food.

For several years, I have been trying to make the lives of these suffering people less miserable. Besides a chapel, I have a school and a free dispensary. In addition, I am supported by gifts from friends of the lepers. If anyone wishes to help to feed and clothe these helpless and suffering lepers, I will gladly receive and acknowledge the contributions. Help must be given during the cold weather, or many will starve to death or die from cold. I am, Yours truly, ANDREW BEATTIE.

[We will be pleased to forward to Dr. Beattie any contributions sent to this office.—ED., C.M.]

YACHTING.

On Saturday the Championship Class sailed the fourth club race over Easterly Course No. 2—from the Kowloon Police Pier to Lyngwood Beacon, past Kowloon Rock to Mark boat in Quarry Bay and then back again.

The wind on Saturday was a moderate easterly, but on Sunday, when the One-design and Second-class races were sailed, it veered all round the compass. The true wind was north, but from north it went to N.E., then to S.E. and finally South. The variance of the wind changed the order of the boats frequently; the first being transferred to last, and the last being first.

The One-design class started ten minutes before the Second Class boats, but in less than half-an-hour all the boats were together, and subsequently when the wind shifted by the time the boats were in the line, the One-design class boats, which started ten minutes earlier. In the One-design class the *Kathleen*, by keeping well to the north, and then working over to the Hongkong shore, where she picked up a southerly wind, opened up with a long lead. The issue was never in doubt after this, for *Kathleen* maintained her lead, and won from *Min*, with *Bonita* third.

In the Second class *Alamiah* got away well, and led for some time. Owing to the frequent changes of the wind, however, she was soon almost lost, but fortune favored her, and she rounded the Beacon second only to *Kathleen*, with *Iris* and *Payne* close up. She increased her lead both to Kowloon Rock, and from the latter to Quarry Bay. Here she caught and passed *Kathleen* and crossed the line during the whole fleet. The rear division, however, came with a freshening breeze, and *Payne*, to whom *Alamiah* conceded 13 min. 7½ secs., crossed the line 12 min. 15 secs. after her, thus winning by nearly a minute on the time showed. *Iris* came in second, but on the time handicap was placed fourth, *Chantier* being third.

The following were the results:—

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS.			
<i>Vernon</i>	3	58	10
<i>Alamiah</i>	3	58	45
<i>Alison</i>	4	5	40
ONE-DESIGN CLASS.			
<i>Kathleen</i>	3	58	5
<i>Min</i>	4	7	35
<i>Bonita</i>	4	8	4
<i>Edna</i>	4	9	27
SECOND CLASS.			
<i>Payne</i>	4	8	20
<i>Alamiah</i>	3	55	15
<i>Chantier</i>	4	8	55
<i>Iris</i>	4	17	40
<i>Dorcas</i>	4	17	40
<i>Gloria</i>	4	18	12
<i>Min</i>	4	46	25

Corrected.

Payne 4 8 20 3 55 22½
Alamiah 3 55 15 3 55 15
Chantier 4 8 55 4 7 25
Iris 4 17 40 4 17 40
Dorcas 4 17 40 4 17 40
Gloria 4 18 12 4 18 12
Min 4 46 25 4 46 25

V.R.C. REGATTA.

Arrangements are fast nearing completion for the V. R. C. Regatta. The teams for the Challenge Race have been selected, and one team has been picked to go to Canton to take part in the Challenge race for the cup, which has been presented by Mr. T. E. Griffiths. This cup has been selected at Messrs. Falconer and Co.'s, and can be seen at their establishment, Queen's Road.

The Boat Club have sent in teams for the Challenge Cup, Ladies' Prize and International Cup here, which are as follows:—

LADIES' PRIZE.	
C. McL. Messer.	A. Toole.
C. Beavis.	H. Brandes.
A. R. Rouse.	O. Brehmer.
F. W. Warren.	W. O. Koshler.
	B. Sloba, Cox.

King, Bomer, Carpenter, Hughes, Kennerly, Cox. The first two crews are also entered for the Challenge Cup and the International Race.

V.R.C. CHALLENGE TEAMS.
A. E. Alves, J. Miller.
H. C. Alves, J. W. White.
C. A. Haase, R. C. W. White.
C. H. Huber, S. D. Bain.
C. M. S. Alves, Cox, E. Shepherd, Cox.

V.R.C. LADIES' PRIZE.
C. H. Huber, E. M. Rose, Portion.
C. A. Haase, J. A. S. Alves.
H. C. Alves, J. Miller.
A. E. Alves, S. A. Mawo.
C. M. S. Alves, Cox, F. W. White, Cox.

F. Gidley, S. D. Bain, J. W. White, E. C. Anton, A. E. Alves.
V.R.C. CREW FOR CANTON.
F. Gidley, J. W. White, E. C. Anton, A. E. Alves.

The Cox. has not been selected as yet. The crew will leave Hongkong on Friday night and will arrive in Canton on Saturday morning. They will have a row over the course during the morning, and will engage in the race in the afternoon.

Three crews have entered for the Light Gig's race as follows:—

Jubilee.	
S. R. Moore	G. Rapp.
A. J. Mackie	R. Russo.
J. Cruekshank	Cox, A. E. Asger, Cox.

Peace (7) in the Philippines.

According to General Allen, Chief of the Philippine Constabulary, Idronism is fast on the wane and peace and plenty prevail where a year ago there were famine and strife. The people are settling down to peaceful pursuits and have ceased to rumble. Never before in the modern history of the Philippine Islands have the Tagalog provinces been as peaceful as they are to-day.

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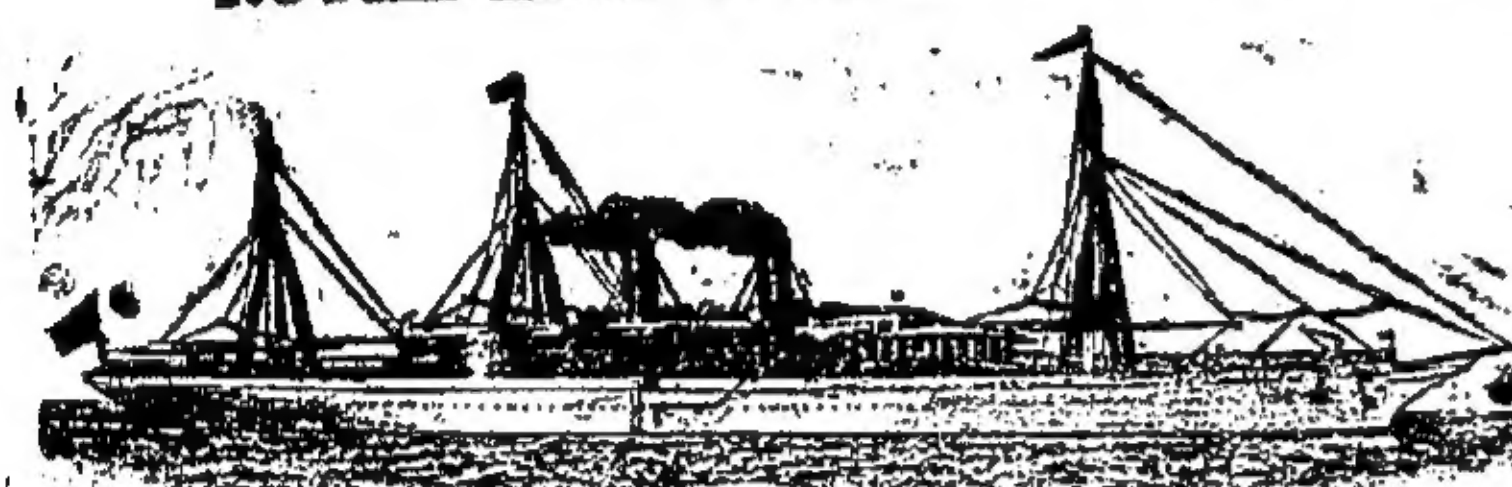
S.S. Nubia, Capt. Von HOFF, About end of December, or beginning of January.

FOR ROTTERDAM AND HAMBURG.

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Well & Co., Limited., About January 28.
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H. C. Jensen & Co., Dec. 10, at 4 p.m.
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QUOTATIONS.		
1903.		
Values.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations. Dist.
125	a'l	\$875
10	£ 8	London, £64
10	£ 8	\$30, buyers
10	£ 2	\$30, buyers
1	£ 1	\$10
250	\$	50, \$175
83 33	\$	25 \$81, sellers

100	2	25	Ts 220, sellers
250	3	100	\$190, sellers
100	3	60	\$135
160		20	\$300, sellers
250		50	\$315, sellers
50		all	\$200, sellers
25		3	25 \$474
62		3	62 \$385, sellers
s. 100		Ts 100	Ts 127, buyers
50		50	\$13, sales
50		all	\$30, sales & buyers
15		3	15 \$32, buyers
10		all	\$75

10	\$	10	\$28, buyers
10	\$	5	\$11, buyers
1	2	1	\$13.2, sellers
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100	Tls	100	Tls 205, buyers
100		100	\$151, sales
50	Tls	50	Tls 103, buyers

50	30	\$25	
25	Th. 25	Th. 125, sellers	
10	all	\$11, raises & buyers	
50	50	\$32, sales	
100	all	\$220, sellers	
5	5	50 cents, sellers	
11	11	\$1.50, sellers	
1	all	30 cents	
250	all	\$200, sellers	
1	18/10	\$8, sellers	
50	all	\$148, buyers	
Th. 50	Th. 50	Th. 150, buyers	
25	25	\$24, buyers	

20	\$	10	\$142, buyers
10	\$	10	\$142, ex div.
10	\$	10	\$174, sales
10	\$	10	\$140, buyers
50	\$	50	\$118, Tls. 108
10	\$	10	\$124, sales
10	\$	5	\$102, sales & buyers
10	\$	10	\$22, buyers
50	\$	50	\$16
12/8	\$	12/8	\$5, sellers
10	\$	4	\$8, buyers
10	\$	10	\$216, buyers
50	\$	5	\$40

10	\$ 10	\$15, buyers
70	all	\$12, buyers
25	all	\$24, sellers
20	£ 20	Tls. 425
5	\$ 5	nominal
60	all	\$14, sellers
10	\$ 10	\$15, sales & buyers
00	Tls.100	Tls. 23, sales
75	Tls.75	Tls. 25
100	Tls.100	Tls. 35
500	Tls.500	Tls. 203
10	\$ 10	\$91, sales
12	\$ 12	\$8, sales
92	92	

20	\$	20	\$3
30		all	
10	\$	10	\$8.90, sales & buyers
50	\$	50	\$50, Nominal
10	\$	10	\$10, Nominal
60	\$	60	\$15 sellers
600	\$	500	\$250

Interest	Quotation.
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